CALTRANS COMMUTER ALERT

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE



The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) in cooperation with Griffith Construction would like to alert commuters to expect traffic delays on Interstate 5 in Kern County over the Memorial Day Weekend.

Caltrans and Griffith Construction are currently conducting a Continuous Pavement Re-Construction of southbound and northbound Interstate 5 in Kern County near Bakersfield from just south of the Buena Vista Canal Road overcrossing to two miles south of 7th Standard Road. This project is anticipated to last until December 2011.

Interstate 5 is currently reduced to one lane in each direction. Lane closures are necessary 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Commuters will experience delays and are encouraged to take alternate routes whenever possible.

This project also includes the temporary closure of the southbound Interstate 5 Buttonwillow Safety Roadside Rest Area which is anticipated to be closed approximately 2 months while construction crews work on Interstate 5. The northbound Interstate 5 Buttonwillow facility will remain open.

Caltrans would like to thank the motoring public for their patience during this construction project. Motorists are reminded to drive with extra care while traveling through construction areas and please **Slow for the Cone Zone**.

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